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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SCHEEL SPEAKS FRANKLY: IN A SPEECH TO THE BUNDESTAG ON EUROPEAN ISSUES, SCHEEL:

--ACCUSED THE EC OF INACTION AND INDULGENCE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO CITIZEN "DISGUST" WITH EUROPEAN UNION;

--STATED THAT, IF THERE IS TO BE A COMMUNITY IN EUROPE, NATIONAL INTEREST MUST BE SUBORDINATED;

--CALLED FOR A REGIONAL POLICY OF "EUROPEAN BURDENSHARING" TO BRIDGE ECONOMIC DISPARITIES BETWEEN STATES;

--PRESSED FOR A CONVERGENCE OF ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY TO ACHIEVE MONETARY UNION;

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--URGED THE CREATION OF A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE

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EC "MINI-SNAKE" AND NONPARTICIPATING MEMBERS.
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2. SOVIETS PRONOUNCE TRIP FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE:
TASS COMMENTATOR OLEG ANICHKIN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT WAS CARRIED OUT IN A FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE WAY
AND REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT STAGE FOR THE SUCCESS
OF THE FORTHCOMING SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT. ANICHKIN
CRITICIZED THE US PRESS FOR LABELING THE VISIT A
"NEAR FAILURE,, AND ADDED THAT DESPITE THE COMPLEXITIES
INVOLVED, "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS" TO THE
LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS ARE POSSIBLE. A
RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH SIDES
AGREED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT IN GENEVA, BUT THAT THE USSR WOULD NOT
ACCEPT ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. THE
TASS ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES MUST
NOW "STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THEIR COMMITMENTS," AND SOVIET-
AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL "DEVELOP." (TICKER)

3. SYRIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ON GOLAN: DR. ZAKARIA
ISMAIL EMPHASIZED THAT SYRIA WILL OPPOSE ISRAELI
ATTEMPTS TO "DIG IN" IN THE SASA SALIENT AND BLAMED
THE CURRENT TENSE SITUATION IN THE GOLAN ON ISRAELI
ACTIONS. HE CITED THE CONSISTENT SYRIAN POLICY OF
NOT GIVING UP ONE INCH OF THE GOLAN, SAYING THE
SYRIAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO WORK FOR A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT BUT WILL RESORT TO WAR IF NECESSARY.
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4. ETHIOPIA HAS A QUIET DAY MARCH 29: HOWEVER, RURAL
DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF THE REMOVAL OF CORRUPT
PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE, AS DO STRIKES AMONG
MUNICIPAL WORKERS IN ADDIS ABABA. (STATE) KISSINGER

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